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**REQUEST**

FOR

**CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/989,722
Filing Date	NOVEMBER 19, 2001
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Group Art Unit	1647
Examiner Name	WEGERT, SANDRA L.
Attorney Docket Number	39780-2730 P1C63

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.
 - a. ☒ **Previously submitted**
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief previously filed on August 30, 2005 and November 14, 2005
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ **Enclosed**
 - i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (5 pages)
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other: Return postcard.
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees of **\$2,380.00**, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **08-1641** (Docket No. **39780-2730 P1C63**)
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (4 months - \$1,590.00/large entity)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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